

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 4-8 are currently pending.

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,737,752 (Hilditch).

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that all of the features of the previous claim 3, including the subject matter of previous claims 1 and 2, had not been incorporated into claim 1, as amended in Applicants' Amendment submitted on July 3, 2006.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the subject matter of the original claims 2 and 3. As currently amended claim 1 includes the subject matter of the original claims 2 and 3, claim 1 is allowable (as claim 3 was merely objected to in the Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Hilditch, as Hilditch does not disclose the subject matter of claim 1, which includes all of the subject matter of the previous claims 2 and 3.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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